



**WHAT
ABOUT
ME?**

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I'm so lonely.

How long have I
been here?

Three weeks.


Where's your
family?

I... don't have any.

Father
Mikel

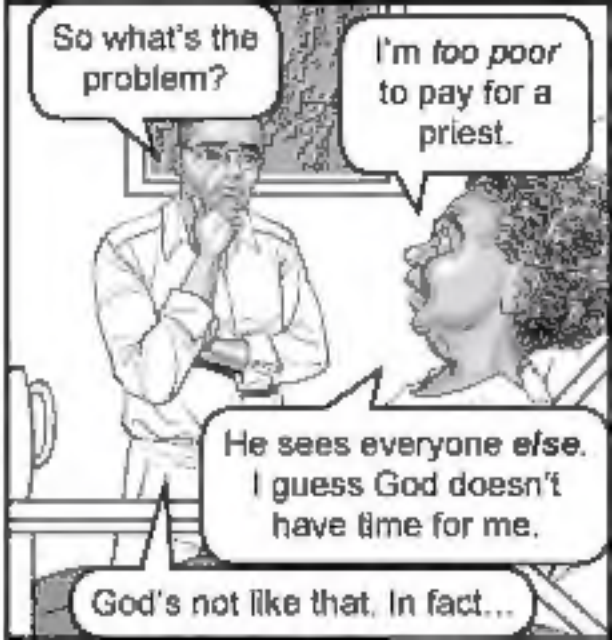
—Oh, that's right.
You only visit those
who put a lot in the
offering plate!

Doesn't God
care about **poor**
people?!

A black and white cartoon panel showing a man with glasses and a white shirt peeking from behind a door. He has a friendly expression.

Hello. I was visiting in the next room and I couldn't help overhearing.

Was I that loud? I'm sorry. **Please**, come in. I'm Angie.

A black and white cartoon panel showing a man in a hospital room. He is wearing a white hospital gown and glasses, looking thoughtful with his hand to his chin. A woman is sitting in a hospital bed next to him, looking at him.

So what's the problem?

I'm too *poor* to pay for a priest.

He sees everyone else. I guess God doesn't have time for me.

God's not like that. In fact...

If you want God —then you are *just* the person *He's* looking for.

May I tell you a story?

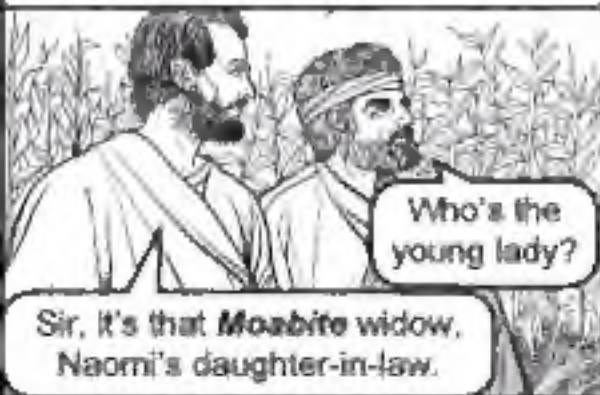
Be my guest.

Many years ago, a poor woman moved to a country that didn't like her kind.



Her name was Ruth. She was recently widowed and came with her widowed mother-in-law.

For Ruth and her mother-in-law to survive, she had to pick up the grain left by the harvesters.



Who's the young lady?

Sir, it's that *Moabite* widow, Naomi's daughter-in-law.

The Moabites were frequently at war against these Hebrews.



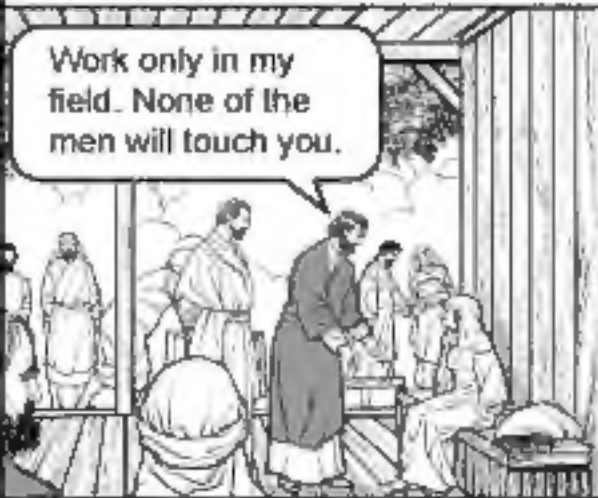
Moabites were excluded from citizenship in Israel.*

*See Deuteronomy 23:3

How could Ruth expect to be treated?

Boaz, however, was different.

Work only in my field. None of the men will touch you.



Ruth was overwhelmed.

Sir, I-I am a foreigner...



Why are you being so kind to me?

I've heard all that you did for your mother-in-law, since your husband died.



Boaz remembered the famine that had hit Israel years earlier.

Naomi and her family had left Israel for greener pastures.



Then tragedy struck...

Naomi's husband, Elimelech,
died while they were in Moab.



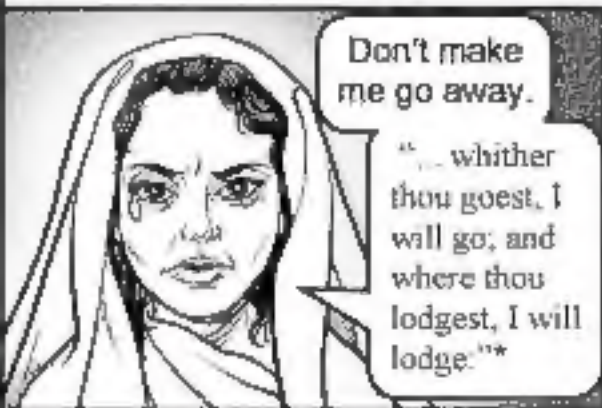
But Naomi cheered up when
her sons, Mahlon and Chilion,
married Ruth and Orpah.

They were married for ten
years. Then more tragedy:
Mahlon and Chilion also died.



With no one to care for her,
Naomi had to return to Israel.

Orpah returned to her family.
But Ruth had made up her mind.



Then she took a bold step
of faith and pledged, ...



Ruth abandoned the gods of Moab
to place her faith in Naomi's God.

Boaz had learned how Ruth had decided to help Naomi.



May God fully reward you for coming to trust in Him.

But Boaz also did his part, to make sure Ruth was well provided for.



Let her glean where she wants. Don't stop her.

And leave extra, just for her.

But he never dreamed of how God would provide for *him!*

Ruth and Naomi lived on the extra food. But what would they do after harvest? One day

Naomi had Ruth find where Boaz slept on the last night of harvest. So she crept up

Ruth

You need a husband
I need to sell my land
And Boaz is our relative

What shall
I do?

and uncovered Boaz's feet in the cool night air. Then she waited

At midnight, Boaz was startled awake by the cold and a woman!




Who are you?

I am Ruth

You're a close relative of my husband. Please do your family duty for me


She was asking him to *marry her!* Now **Boaz** was overwhelmed.



"Blessed be thou of the LORD **

*Ruth 3:10

You chose me over the young men. There's *just one problem*




I'm not
your
closest
relative

If he does his
family duty fine

But if not I'll do
all you ask

The next day Boaz gathered 10
elders then called over his relative



Come sit down!
Help me settle a
family matter!

Of course

Boaz set his plan in motion

...the ...
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*The closest Hebrew male relative had to do this See Deuteronomy 25 5-10 ;




Boaz married Ruth the outsider who trusted God You see it doesn't matter where we come from



What matters is **who**
we put our *faith* in

No one's ever been
that nice to me
But why would a
rich man like Boaz
take in a **foreigner**
like that?

Because of what had
happened to his **mother**



She was a former
prostitute

Oh? Tell me about her!

Sure She lived in a house
on the wall of Jericho and
believed in the Hebrews God

And now two spies had told her
what God was about to do

Mom
Dad

Everyone
come with
me!

Her first thought was
for her family's safety

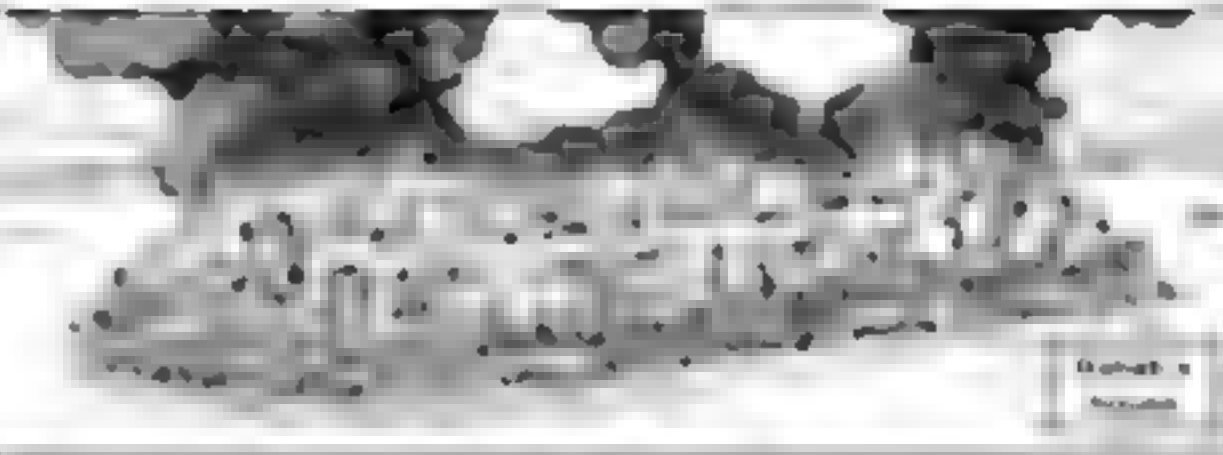
Everything she knew was
about to come tumbling down

Where are
we going?

We will be safe
at my house

The God of the Hebrews is
going to destroy Jericho

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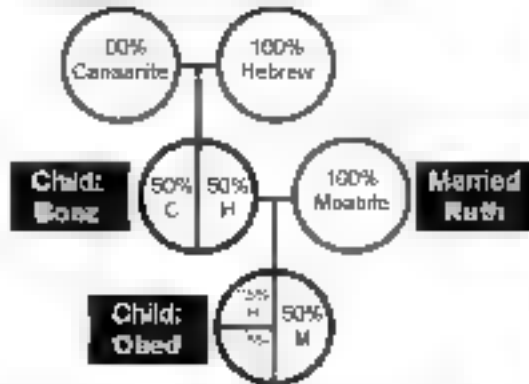


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But God wasn't done blessing Rahab and her descendants

Rahab Married Salmon



Obed was ancestor to King David. In the lineage of Jesus Christ Mat 1:6-16 Lk 3:23-31

Israel's kings down to Jesus descend through a man who was only 1/4 Hebrew

and through a Canaanite harlot and a Moabitess

Then it's true God doesn't care where we came from

We **all** have sinned and **deserve** God's judgment.* None of our good works can change that. But God offers us complete forgiveness through the once-for-all sacrifice of His Son.**




"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16)

**Hebrews 10:10-14

*Romans 3:23

Jesus shed His precious blood to pay for all our sins. Then He died and was buried and rose again, for us!



Do you want Jesus enough to trust in Him with all your heart?


Oh, yes!

Then tell Him so. I'll pray with you.

Okay...

Angie placed her faith in Jesus, and He saved her.

Later:



What a blessing you happened by.

You sound like my son. I haven't seen him in years.

Well, I **didn't** just happen by...

I've searched for years. I just recognized your voice. I know I've changed a lot, but...



I'm Billy.

I am your son.

"... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

Do you admit that you are a sinner? YES NO

Do you believe Jesus died to pay for your sins? YES NO

Did you ask Him to forgive you and come into your heart? YES NO

If you did, remember this date.

Date _____

Your Name _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

